

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method of packing a glass base material, which is a base material of an optical fiber, comprising:

packing said glass base material into a cylindrical container.

C⁶ 2/17 1 A method of packing a glass base material as claimed in claim 1, wherein said packing has:

putting said glass base material into a plastic bag; and

packing said glass base material, which is put into said plastic bag, into said cylindrical container.

3. A method of packing a glass base material as claimed in claim 2, wherein said packing further has:

wrapping said glass base material, which is put into said plastic bag, with air packing material, which contains air inside; and

packing said glass base material wrapped with said air packing material into said cylindrical container.

4. A method of packing a glass base material as claimed in claim 3, wherein said wrapping wraps said glass base material, which is put into said plastic bag, with three-layers of said air packing material.

5. A method of packing a glass base material as claimed in claim 3, wherein said packing packs said glass base material in said cylindrical container which has an inside diameter of approximately 10 mm larger than a diameter of said glass base material.

6. A method of packing a glass base material as claimed in claim 3, wherein said packing further has:

capping both ends of said cylindrical container, which packs said glass base material, by caps.

7. A method of packing a glass base material as claimed in claim 6, wherein said packing further has:

filling space between an end of said glass base material and said cap with a cushion material.

8. A method of packing a glass base material as claimed in claim 6, wherein said packing further has:

providing an inside cap, which has a shape that can fit with a shape of end of said glass base material, on a space between said end of said glass base material and said cap.

9. A method of packing a glass base material as claimed in claim 3, further comprising:

packing a plurality of said cylindrical containers, each of which is packed with said glass base material, into a cylindrical container.

10. A method of packing a glass base material as claimed in claim 3, further comprising:

packing a plurality of said cylindrical containers, each of which is packed with said glass base material, into a square-shaped box.

11. A method of packing a glass base material as claimed in claim

1, wherein said packing packs a plurality of said glass base materials into said cylindrical container.

12. A method of packing a glass base material as claimed in claim 11, wherein said packing has:

putting each of said plurality of said glass base materials into each of individual plastic bags; and

packing said plurality of said glass base materials, each of which are put into said each of individual plastic bags, into said cylindrical container.

13. A method of packing a glass base material as claimed in claim 12, wherein said packing further has:

wrapping together said plurality of said glass base materials, each of which are put into said each of individual plastic bags, with air packing material, which contains air inside; and

packing said plurality of said glass base materials wrapped with said air packing material into said cylindrical container.

14. A method of packing a glass base material as claimed in claim 12, wherein said packing further has:

wrapping each of said plurality of said glass base materials, each of which are put into said each of individual plastic bags, with each of individual air packing material, which contains air inside; and

wrapping together said plurality of said glass base materials, each of which are wrapped with said each of individual air packing material, with a secondary air packing material, which contains air inside; and

packing said plurality of said glass base materials wrapped

with said secondary air packing material into said cylindrical container.

15. A method of packing a glass base material as claimed in claim 13, wherein said packing packs said plurality of said glass base materials in said cylindrical container which has an inside diameter of approximately 10 mm larger than total diameter of said plurality of said glass base materials.

16. A method of packing a glass base material as claimed in claim 12, wherein said packing has:

putting each of seven pieces of said glass base materials into said each of individual plastic bags; and

bundling together said seven pieces of said glass base materials, each of which are put into said each of individual plastic bags, such that six pieces of said glass base materials are arranged in a hexagonal arrangement around one central said glass base material; and

packing said seven pieces of said glass base materials bundled together into said cylindrical container.

17. A packing comprising:

a glass base material which is a base material of an optical fiber; and

a cylindrical container which contains said glass base material inside.

18. A packing as claimed in claim 17, further comprising:

a plastic bag which packs said glass base material inside; wherein

said cylindrical container contains said glass base material which is packed in said plastic bag.

19. A packing as claimed in claim 18, further comprising:
an air packing material which wraps said glass base material
packed in said plastic bag; wherein
said cylindrical container contains said glass base material
which is wrapped with said air packing material

20. A packing as claimed in claim 19, wherein said glass base material is wrapped with three-layers of said air packing material.

21. A packing as claimed in claim 19, further comprising:
a plurality of air packing materials, each of which wraps each
of a plurality of said glass base materials packed in each of
individual said plastic bags; and
a secondary air packing material which wraps together a
plurality of said glass base materials, each of which is wrapped with
said air packing materials; wherein
said cylindrical container contains said plurality of said
glass base materials which are wrapped with said secondary air
packing material.

22. A packing as claimed in claim 19, further has:
said air packing material wraps a plurality of said glass base
materials, each of which is packed in each of individual said plastic
bags; and
said cylindrical container contains said plurality of said
glass base materials wrapped with said air packing material.

23. A packing as claimed in claim 22, wherein:

 said cylindrical container contains seven pieces of said glass base materials, each of which are put into said each of individual plastic bags; and

 said air packing material wraps said seven pieces of said glass base materials such that six pieces of said glass base materials are arranged in a hexagonal arrangement around one central said glass base material.

24. A packing as claimed in claim 19, wherein said cylindrical container has an inside diameter of approximately 10 mm larger than a diameter of said glass base material.

25. A packing as claimed in claim 19, wherein said cylindrical container is made of at least one of cardboard, plastic, and cardboard plastic.

26. A packing as claimed in claim 19, wherein said cylindrical container has caps on both ends of said cylindrical container.

27. A packing as claimed in claim 26, wherein said caps are made of at least one of cardboard, plastic, and cardboard plastic.

28. A packing as claimed in claim 26, further comprising a cushion material which fills space between an end of said glass base material and said cap.

29. A packing as claimed in claim 28, wherein said cushion material is made of at least one of styrene foam and an elastic body made of rubber.

30. A packing as claimed in claim 26, further comprising an inside cap which has a shape that can fit with a shape of end of said glass base material.

31. A packing as claimed in claim 30, wherein said inside cap is made of at least one of styrene foam and an elastic body made of rubber.

32. A packing as claimed in claim 19, further comprising a secondary cylindrical container which contains a plurality of said cylindrical containers, each of which is packed with said glass base material.

33. A packing as claimed in claim 19, further has a square-shaped box which contains a plurality of said cylindrical containers, each of which is packed with said glass base material.

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